[Translation]

Fruits and Vegetables

123. PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether production of fruits and vegetables is constantly on increase in various States for the last few years;

(b) if so, the estimated increase registered in production of fruits and vegetables during the last three years in the country particularly in Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra and Karnataka;

(c) whether the Government have made any arrangement to provide remunerative prices to the fruit and vegetable growers of these States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The rough estimates of production of fruits and vegetables in the country are available upto 1993-94 only. The data on production and annual increases for the three year period from 1991-92 to 1993-94 in respect of 5 states are given in the enclosed statement.

(c) and (d). The Government do not have any programme for providing remunerattive prices to growers for fruits and vegetables. However, support is provided to the farmers for developing infrastructure facilities for handling and marketing of these commodities, to prevent losses and deterioration in quality and ensure better returns to them. Further, under the Market Intervention Scheme, a predetermined quanitity of fruits and vegetables is procured on selective basis on the request of State Government to save the farmers from distress sale and the losses, if any, incurred in the operation are shared by central and concerned State Governments on 50:50 basis.

STATEMENT

Production of Fruits and Vegetables during 1991-92 to 1993-94

Production-Million Tonnes

		1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	% increase/decrease over 1991-92	
					1992-93	1993-94
Punjab	Fruits	0.66	0.69	0.73	4 45	9 67
	Vegetables	1.45	1.46	1.72	0.36	18 72
Haryana	Fruits	0.11	0.12	0.12	10.35	12 09
	Vegetables	0 88	1.03	1.15	17.39	31 70
U.P	Fruits	2.88	3.35	3.48	16.32	20 83
	Vegetables	10.24	9.60	11.07	(-) 6.25	8 10
Maharashtra	Fruits	3.52	4.28	5.78	22.61	64 18
	Vegetables	4.17	3.57	2.74	(-) 14.39	(-) 34 37
Karnataka	Fruits	3.19	3 44	4.20	7.71	31.49
	Vegetables	3.67	4.66	4.34	26.92	18.24
All India	Fruits	28.63	32.96	39.48	15.10	26 15
	Vegetables	58.53	63.81	65.09	9.01	11 21

Crimes in Delhi

124 SHRI RATILAL VARMA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether criminal cases are increasing in the country including N.C.T. of Delhi;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and details of criminal cases registered during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise, and

(c) the action proposed to be taken by the Union Government to reduce the number of crimes in the country?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA) : (a) and (b). Statements I,II,III and IV are enclosed.

(c) Even though, as per provisions contained in the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution. 'Police' and 'Public Order' are State subjects, the Central Government has been guiding the States on improving various facets of police functioining including crime control. The Central Government has been providing financial assistance to the States as well for modernising their police forces.